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20. Morale

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[redacted] **EM** [redacted] often stated that life in prison would be more appealing than Army service. Leaves and passes were rarely given to anyone for relaxation or compassionate reasons. Deaths in the family also failed to receive any consideration. Party members were given seven days leave during the winter months. Some passes were given to politically reliable individuals and/or party members on Sunday but they never exceeded four hours. Guests were not permitted to enter the caserne.

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As a result of the intensive training and lack of a proper diet, several individuals contracted tuberculosis. [redacted] the EM, after leaving the service, would often find they had some physical ailment or disability.

[redacted] approximately 300 EM from the 18th WOP Brig. were imprisoned for being absent without leave or for sleeping on guard duty.

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Political lectures were given almost daily and lasted from one to four hours. EM often questioned the validity of statements which were apparently exaggerated. One example of such a statement was "the weakness of America in Korea". EM who posed questions concerning America were later questioned for political reliability and given arduous tasks.

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The following monthly pay scale was in effect in 1951 for EM of the WOP:

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Pay in Zloty</u>
Private	30
PFC	35
Corporal	40
Junior serveant (career) (Plutonowy)	800
Sergeant (career) (Sierzant)	1,000
Senior sergeant (career) (Starszy Sierzant)	1,020

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The EM were given the following food daily:

<u>Breakfast</u>	<u>Dinner</u>	<u>Supper</u>
Black coffee	Water	Black coffee
800 grams of bread	Soup with potatoes or rice	Bowl of tomato or pea soup
Bowl of soup	About 100 grams of meat or fish	Rice or potatoes
Potatoes or rice	Sauerkraut	Fish, occasionally
	Butter, occasionally	

One hundred cigarettes were issued to each EM as a 10-day ration.

Canteens were operated at the casernes. Officers had their own canteens where toilet articles could be purchased and where there was a small restaurant in which they could dine. The EM had their own canteen where toilet articles and some canned goods could be purchased. Occasionally, meat was available for purchase but EM rarely had enough money to buy such food. For the EM mess, bread, fresh vegetables, and meat were purchased every other day, or as needed, from state-owned stores or military warehouses. Bakery and dairy products were never served to the EM. One-half liter of beer was issued to the EM when they took the oath of service and on national holidays.

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Medical attention for EM was practically non-existent unless the EM required hospitalization. They were then taken to the hospital at Krakow N 50-05, E 19-557. There were no trained medical officers or aid men assigned to the 18th WOP Brig. but one officer was designated medical officer. A dispensary was maintained, but the only medical supplies available were cotton, iodine and bandages. EM complaining of illness were often accused of malingering. Dental care consisted of extractions, regardless of the condition of the tooth. This was accomplished at the hospital in Krakow.

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[redacted] military cemeteries existed at Krakow and Warszawa [redacted] 25X1
 /N 52-15, E 21-00/. Distinguished civilian party members and decorated service personnel could be interred at these cemeteries.

The curtailment of religious worship was most objectionable to the Catholics. [redacted] the 18th WOP Brig., a formation was held and the EM were asked to step out of ranks if they desired to attend church services. Names of those who stepped out were taken and they never received a pass during their tours of service. In addition they were assigned the most objectionable tasks on Sunday. 25X1

On Sunday evening a movie was shown and everyone was forced to attend. The movie was scheduled for 2200 hours and lasted until 2400. Training films of battles, hand-to-hand combat, construction of field fortifications, and Stalin's revolution were shown to the EM. Political lectures were sometimes substituted.

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21. Youth Movements

The Polish Youth Union (Zwiazek Mlodziezy Polskiej -- ZMP) was the only youth movement [redacted] established to indoctrinate Polish youth of pre-induction age. [redacted] 25X1

22. Passive Antiaircraft Defense

[redacted] eight to twelve antiaircraft guns, [redacted] had been emplaced around the city of Warszawa. In addition, at [redacted] number of searchlight batteries were emplaced in Warszawa. 25X1

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28. Satellite Resistance

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[redacted] a small number of individuals drank intoxicating beverages during working hours. In 1953 in Warszawa [redacted] anti-regime leaflets had been distributed to workers in some factories. The leaflet stated, "Don't lose hope". [redacted] Non-party members never fully cooperated in any project of the government [redacted] 25X1

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d. The people did not openly oppose any governmental restrictions as this type of opposition would result in arrest.

e. The attitude of most of the Poles [redacted] was to do what they were told in order to avoid difficulties with the police. 25X1

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- f. [] there was some indication that the Communists were gaining ground in Poland. These indications stemmed from the fact that party members or open supporters of the present regime received better jobs, more pay and could purchase certain necessary food staples and commodities which the laborers and unemployed could not obtain. This situation induced a few people to join the party every day. 25X1
- g. [] 60 to 70% of the people would openly oppose the regime if given an opportunity or if assured of support from outside sources. 25X1
- h. There were no indications or specific instances of anti-Semitism.
- i. During 1951, there were 18 desertions from the 18th WOP Brig. Reasons for desertions were the poor conditions and inadequate diet. When located, 14 of this number died resisting arrest. Upon capture, two other EM were sentenced to death. [] 25X1
- j. [] 25X1
- k. Success of the Communist indoctrination program on the youth was becoming more evident. [] the youth were given more privileges, better jobs and occasionally better apartments. One example was that if two young men were doing the same type of work and only one was a party member, he would receive better wages. 25X1
- l. Relocation or deportation of natives.
- (1) [] many people were moved from Suwalki [] 25X1
 [] N 54-06, E 22-567, Bialystok [] N 53-08, E 23-097, Szczecin
 [] N 53-25, E 14-357 and Kostrzyn [] N 52-35, E 14-397 towards
 the east for resettlement. [] 25X1
- (2) Entire families were moved. [] 25X1
- m. Security Forces
- (1) Agents of the Office of Public Security (Urząd Bezpieczeństwa Publicznego -- UBP) and People's Police (Milicja Obywatelska -- MO) were assigned the responsibility of maintaining peace and order. Agents arresting politically unreliable persons, thieves, or malfeasants were given 2,000 zlotys as a reward. There were approximately 12,000 agents in the UBP being used in Warszawa. [] 25X1
- (2) [] all agents were hardened Communists and [] diligently performed their duties. [] 25X1
- (3) [] 25X1
- n. [] estimated [] resistance potential of Poland at 70%. 25X1

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p. The percentage of the population that would actively support and/or join Allied forces was:

- (1) If known that UBP low level agents were disposed of, 70%.
- (2) If local Communist leaders were disposed of, 70%.
- (3) If MO officials (local) were disposed of, 70%.

The workers would be the first to respond to Allied appeals under the conditions suggested above.

The attitude of the people towards participation in moves to liquidate the security forces personnel was:

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- (1) If aided by Allied personnel, 60% cooperation.
- (2) If Allied forces were approaching, about 85% cooperation.

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